

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

**APRIL 16, 2019**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Megan Bradley, student advisor, answered roll call. Craig Smith was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES:** Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2019 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Met with the Census Bureau to discuss an audit that will be taking place. There will be some part time paid positions.
2. Attended a social media class. There was good feedback.
3. April 22 the Pizza King parking lot will be blocked off due to a trial that will be going on and they are anticipating many in attendance. It may also be blocked off on Tuesday.
4. On April 25<sup>th</sup> we will have our quarterly Indot meeting.
5. April 27<sup>th</sup> we will have visitors from Oldenburg that would like to follow us around and discuss best practices.
6. April 27<sup>th</sup> is the Mayor's 5k.
7. Muncie WIPB has contacted us and would like to feature Rushville in a historic prospective to now.
8. May 14 we will have a meeting regarding the fire department renovation.
9. We have installed 2 42 inch pipes on 6<sup>th</sup> Street west of the tracks to help keep the water from getting blocked.
10. Three out of four neighbors at Diana and Cathy Court have given their approval to put in a new line for drainage.
11. The design on the animal shelter is complete and has been submitted to the state for a building permit.
12. We did a complete hydrant flushing with very minimal impact.
13. We sent a copy of a rough draft to the County for their flood prevention.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Copley asked for approval of Resolution 2019-11 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations. Bridges moved to approve. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Bridges reported for Council President Smith that the information on the complaint we received has been addressed by the attorney.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – We have begun working on the Frontier parking lot. It will remain as a gravel lot for approximately 12 months before we pave.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – We have a meeting scheduled.
- **City Center** – Mayor Pavey thanked those who attended the ribbon cutting.

They continue with Ivy Tech and Council Chambers. They have primed and painted Ivy Tech. The door frames are installed. They anticipate a completion date of May 17.

- **Cherry Street Extension** – The Council President and the Mayor signed the letter regarding the complaint that was discussed under Council President's report.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing.
- **Housing** – May 8 meeting we will start conversation regarding the developer backed bonds for the apartments.
- **ECDC** – John McCane said today we had a company visit the Industrial Park. This was an ag manufacturing company and would bring 250 good wage jobs. We hope to know something by fall.
- Our Industrial Park was awarded a shovel ready prime site. We are one of 8 sites in the state to meet this qualification.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker reminded everyone of the Mayor's 5K on April 27. There will be some road closures that day. We are using the same course.

On May 11 there will be a Little League jamboree with a parade at 11:00.

**Park** – Park Director Burklow reported that 32 kids from HYCA cleaned the amphitheater and the downtown area from 4<sup>th</sup> Street. We will have them back in the summer for a movie night at the pool.

On April 18 Burklow will be meeting with Austin Boyer to discuss a futsal tournament (soccer).

April 23 will meet with the Kiwanis regarding youth involvement in the community.

In the next few weeks Gridley will be at the pool repairing cracks and painting.

Attended a social media class today. It was a real eye opener.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller informed Council that the Board of Works hired Bryce Thomas for the summer.

We put in new piping and a catch basin at Wilson Estates. Miller will be asking for a price for a concrete swale.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance 2019-3 Amending Chapter 91 Animals** – We will advertise for a public hearing for a fee schedule.
2. **Street Lights South of Town Phase 1 Recommendation** – We are waiting to hear from Duke.
3. **335 W 4<sup>th</sup> Bids/Proposals (Grain Bin)** – The Board of Works accepted a proposal from Joe Bunch for \$1,000.00 which also includes removing the structures and foundation within 6 months.
4. **214 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Cupp Property** – Newhouse is working through the survey.
5. **Stellar – Taff Building RFP – BOT** – We are focusing on the BOT. Newhouse said in adopting the BOT we need to name a temporary committee. Then we can start requests for proposals. This is similar to what we did with the City Center project. Bridges moved to name the Board of Works as the committee. Conner seconded the motion. Bridges amended his motion to approve Resolution 2019-12 naming the Board of Works as the committee. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Campaign Quarters and Windsor Assessment Agreement** – Councilman Berkemeier said the Windsor goes on the tax roll this year. We are comfortable with the Windsor

assessment. We do not believe that there is a need for abatement. The Windsor is in good shape.

Campaign Flats has a 10 year tax abatement, but it has no value. Berkemeier recommended terminating the abatement due to the assessed value. This was discussed with the DLGF and they said we would need to pass a resolution to take the abatement off the books. We will need a public hearing. To start the process we will need to prepare a resolution and advertise.

Campaign Quarters - We will revisit the assessed value and tax abatement January 2020.

2. **Overlook Property Acquisition** – The Board of Works gave a favorable recommendation for the procurement of 207 S Main. The reason for the acquisition is for parking. The present owner has a lease. The lease agreement will continue with the City contingent upon purchase of the property. The lease provides the income flow to allow us to finance the property. It will be a 5 year lease with 2 additional 5 year leases possible. Cameron made a motion to move forward with the property acquisition. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Letter of Intent – Thomas Tetrault (Fish Moon Brewing)** – The Board of Works gave a favorable recommendation for a letter of intent. Thomas was present to explain his plans. He said he needs a letter of intent to move forward with the project. He said he has been brewing in a commercial business for 2 years. He is excited for what he can bring to the community. He said his initial cost to finish the Taff building is \$300,000.00. He stated that they will start on a small footprint. He thought this would be good for downtown. Bridges moved to approve the letter of intent. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **5 & 50 Bike Ride** – Marilyn Yeager came before Council to discuss the 5 & 50 Bike Ride. She said last year was the premier event. This year the event is scheduled for September 21. They hope to make it bigger and better than last year's event. There will be 3 distances for bike rides. Last year there were over 200 riders participating. This year they anticipate 400 riders. The new website is willkiedays.com. She said she had 3 requests: to check out the website, sign up for the ride, and to share the information.

Faith Mock said there will be 400-500 bikers coming to town and spending money here in Rushville. This is a good promotional opportunity. She said this is an official bike trail with DNR. They are very excited!

#### **UPCOMING BUSINESS:**

1. **Housing Bonds** – Developer Backed May 8
2. **Utility Board Leak Protection May 21<sup>st</sup>**

3. **Marble Falls Street Dedication** – They have not yet been contacted.

**CLAIMS:** Berkemeier moved to approve the claims as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Berkemeier encouraged everyone to wear red tomorrow to support our educators.

**National Prayer Day** - May 2<sup>nd</sup> breakfast at the filling station 6:30-7:30 a.m.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Cameron moved to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.